

1-1 By: Huffines S.B. No. 849  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 13, 2017;  
1-3 February 27, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Health & Human Services; April 18, 2017, reported adversely, with  
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays  
1-6 0; April 18, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Schwertner	X		
1-10	Uresti	X		
1-11	Buckingham	X		
1-12	Burton	X		
1-13	Kolkhorst	X		
1-14	Miles	X		
1-15	Perry	X		
1-16	Taylor of Collin	X		
1-17	Watson	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 849 By: Perry

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to an exemption from licensing requirements for physicians  
1-22 associated with certain sports teams.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 151, Occupations Code, is  
1-25 amended by adding Section 151.0521 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 151.0521. EXEMPTION FOR SPORTS TEAM PHYSICIAN. A  
1-27 person is exempt from the licensing requirements of this subtitle  
1-28 and may engage in the practice of medicine in this state if the  
1-29 person:

1-30 (1) is employed or designated as a team physician by a  
1-31 sports team visiting this state for a specific sporting event;

1-32 (2) is licensed to practice medicine in the team's home  
1-33 state; and

1-34 (3) limits the person's practice of medicine in this  
1-35 state to treating, during the period beginning on the date the team  
1-36 arrives in this state for the event and ending on the 10th day after  
1-37 the date of the event:

1-38 (A) the members, coaches, and staff of the team;  
1-39 and

1-40 (B) a family member of a person described by  
1-41 Paragraph (A) if the family member is visiting this state for the  
1-42 event.

1-43 SECTION 2. Section 451.003, Occupations Code, is amended to  
1-44 read as follows:

1-45 Sec. 451.003. APPLICABILITY. This chapter does not apply  
1-46 to:

1-47 (1) a physician licensed by the Texas Medical Board or  
1-48 engaged in the practice of medicine as authorized by Section  
1-49 151.0521;

1-50 (2) a dentist, licensed under the laws of this state,  
1-51 engaged in the practice of dentistry;

1-52 (3) a licensed optometrist or therapeutic optometrist  
1-53 engaged in the practice of optometry or therapeutic optometry as  
1-54 defined by statute;

1-55 (4) an occupational therapist engaged in the practice  
1-56 of occupational therapy;

1-57 (5) a nurse engaged in the practice of nursing;

1-58 (6) a licensed podiatrist engaged in the practice of  
1-59 podiatry as defined by statute;

1-60 (7) a physical therapist engaged in the practice of

2-1 physical therapy;  
2-2 (8) a registered massage therapist engaged in the  
2-3 practice of massage therapy;  
2-4 (9) a commissioned or contract physician, physical  
2-5 therapist, or physical therapist assistant in the United States  
2-6 Army, Navy, Air Force, or Public Health Service; or  
2-7 (10) an athletic trainer who does not live in this  
2-8 state, who is licensed, registered, or certified by an authority  
2-9 recognized by the department, and who provides athletic training in  
2-10 this state for a period determined by the department.  
2-11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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